

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [42] with the following:

[0042] Thus, during an editing process the processor 201 receives a plurality of requests each requesting ~~that~~ that a clip comprising image data is to be stored on framestore 105. These requests may originate from an application run by computer 101, or in alternative embodiments from other computers connected to system 100. If the processor 201 merely passed the data to the storage control process 402 for storage, there would be a possibility that the available storage space would be filled before all data defining the clip were stored, and thus the storage process would be unsuccessful.

Please replace paragraph [19] with the following:

[0019] The system comprises a computer 101 that in this example is an ~~Oetane~~ OCTANE™ manufactured by Silicon Graphics Inc., a monitor 102, a graphics tablet 103 to allow the user to interact with a graphical user interface presented by the monitor and a keyboard 104 to facilitate alphanumeric input.

Please replace paragraph [22] with the following:

[0022] The computer 101 includes a CD-ROM drive 106, allowing program instructions to be loaded onto a hard disk within the ~~Oetane~~ OCTANE™, from a CD-ROM 107.

Please amend the abstract as follows:

A Data-data processing apparatus, comprising data storage ~~means~~ having a plurality of defined storage elements, memory ~~means~~ containing usage data indicating which of said storage elements contains data, and ~~processing means~~ a processor is configured to update ~~said the~~ usage data in response to data being stored within ~~said the~~ data storage ~~means~~. The memory ~~means~~ further contains a datastore. The ~~processing means~~ processor is configured to ~~analyse~~ analyze the ~~said~~ usage data to determine the number of ~~said the~~ storage elements not containing data, store information within ~~said the~~ datastore indicating ~~said the~~ number of storage elements not containing data and read information from ~~said the~~ data storage ~~means~~ to determine whether ~~said the~~ further data may be stored.